



02-01-06

AF\$ JFW

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3612**

Attorney Docket No. 998-928

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Putt et al.

Serial No.: 10/797,775

Filed: March 10, 2004

For: **LOAD BEARING VEHICLE FLOOR MATS**

Confirmation No.: 4153

Group Art Unit: 3612

Examiner: Engle, Patricia Lynn

Date: January 31, 2006

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Corres. and Mail
BOX AF**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated January 9, 2006, at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting Claims 1-39.

☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of **\$500.00** for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

☐ Also enclosed: _____.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

Needham James Boddie, II
Registration No. 40,519

~~02/02/2006 MAHME1 00000010 10797775~~~~01 FC:1401~~~~500.00 OP~~

02/02/2006 MAHME1 00000016 10797775

01 FC:1401

500.00 OP

USPTO Customer No. 20792
Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec
Post Office Box 37428
Raleigh, North Carolina 27627
Telephone: 919/854-1400
Facsimile: 919/854-1401
Doc. No. 486353

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILINGExpress Mail Label No.: **EV 769239752 US**Date of Deposit: **January 31, 2006**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Erin A. Campion